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1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this report is to outline the processes used in the production of the M18A1 APERS Mine and to illuminate any difficulties encountered and suggest changes that will facilitate production.

This item will be procured in quantities of fifty thousand or greater so this report will deal only with large quantity production.

The design changes that occurred during this production study will not be discussed.

2. MATERIAL NOTES

The mine assembly is unique in anti-personnel mine systems in as much as it can be aimed when set in place and fired by remote control. This assembly is built to withstand a drop test of six feet to a steel plate without impairing its service.

Durability for the mine is important for it is given rough treatment from the time it is issued to the foot soldier until its destruction. The fiberfil material is compounded of fiber glass and polystyrene which coupled together make a strong but not brittle material yet flexible enough to withstand high impact. The high percentage of glass imparts good dimensional stability and the styrene bonds easily to itself or other plastics. This is the reason that this material was used for the various items.

3. CASE NO. 8800915

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The predominant feature is the Case no. 8800915. This is injection molded of Fiberfil per MIL-M-21347. Due to the molded threads in the detonator well cavities two loose pins are required for each mold cavity. Orientation of the thread termination in relation to the case proper must be considered when designing the mold and an additional set of pins will increase the mold production. Two minutes cycle time is sufficient to produce a perfectly molded part regardless of a single cavity or multicavity mold. The gate location should be in the vacinity of the detonator wells to give a good fill with a minimum cylinder pressure. This will also maintain flash that can be removed by tumbling.

Fiberfil material is hydrostatic and should be stored in a dry area and warmed prior to loading in the injection cylinder.

The Fiberfil Corporation of Warsaw, Indiana will cooperate in the design of the mold and processing of the raw material.

4. COVER NO. 8800916

The Cover no. 8800916 is the mating part for the case and of less complex configuration which results in less costly mold design and higher production figures. This part can be produced in a completely automatic press using the same material precautions as with the case and simply tumbled to remove molding flash.

5. DETONATOR WELL ADAPTER

The Detonator Well Adapter no. 8800913 is made of the same material as the case and cover and it too can be molded automatically.

6. DETONATOR WELL PLUG

The Detonator Well Plug no. 8800923 is ideally suited for automatic molding and its material linear polyethelene requires no special handling.

7. ANGLE BRACKET

The Angle Bracket no. 8800907 is an example of simplicity in design for the lowest cost with out sacrifice of function. Low carbon steel as specified is in abundance and the cheapest wrought material available. The progressive die necessary to produce this part can be made in any tool room and run in a press at one hundred strokes per minute. The tool necessary to do one good part will turn out several million.

8. LEG NO. 8800908

The Leg no. 8800908 is designed to support the mine on any terrain with some penetration of the leg into whatever surface it may be placed. Again low carbon steel is used with the best results but the die is a little different in design. Shaping the punch is the most difficult part but once shaped it can be fitted to the die steel. A good toolmaker can make this tool in fifty hours. This part can also be run at approximately one hundred strokes per minute.

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9. WASHER - SPRING

The Washer - Spring no. 8837131 is a standard part produced by Shakeproof Incorporated and should be checked for hardness and temper retention.

10. WASHER - FLAT

Washer - Flat no. MS15795-308 can be manufactured with simple tools or can be purchased at any flat washer organization for very nominal prices.

11. STEEL BALL

Steel Ball no. 8800922 is similar to parts of like nature produced by all of the ball manufacturers. The material is low carbon steel in the range of 1009 to 1014 carbon and hardened to R_c43-47 to a depth of .020 to .030.

The first stage of manufacturing is heading where the steel wire is thread thru a die clamped and peened to form a shape roughly the same as a ball but with an equator raised about fifteen thousandths above the shaped diameter with a base section approximately ten to fifteen thousandths thick.

Production rate for the size ball required is in the neighborhood of three hundred per minute. After this operation the balls are then poured in a hopper of a grinding machine. This is a single purpose machine whose sole function is to rough grind the equator off the headed ball. Thousands of these balls are run thru this machine at one time recirculating about every two or three minutes to pass the multisegmented grinding wheel that is the heart of this machine. It takes several machine hours to process a single batch of balls.

Succeeding this grinding operation the balls are then heat treated to full hardness in a rotating carbonizing furnace. After this a temper drawing operation is conducted to reduce the full hardness down to the $R_{\rm c}45$.

The depth of the case dictates the length of time in hours to achieve the proper ball characteristics. A light acid dip is sufficient to remove the fire scale.

13. LEG ASSEMBLY

The Leg Assembly no. 8837129 can be processed on a standard riveting machine with standard tooling. This operation can be automated fully with hopper feeds for all parts in the proper sequence but the tooling cost would require production figures of at least one million pieces.

Riveting the leg assemblies to the case is performed in the same manner as assembly of the legs on the same equipment.

12. BALL POTTING MATERIAL

Several combinations of Devcon "A" and resins were tried to provide the best all around compound. The iron filings as found in the Devcon "A" are essential to provide a mat to support the resin prior to setting-up and when detonation occurs it, offers a density similar to the balls which tends to retard the blast as it escapes thru the small openings that exist between balls. The resin mines provide ease of handling and a tough body after curing.

14. ASSEMBLY NOTES

The balls can be dispensed within the count tolerance from an Exact Weight Scale into the front tray. After experimenting on many different fixtures and devices, the most economical method was to provide an operator with a small vacuum type probe which could lift a single ball and transport it to another section. The probe was also used to move many balls at one time and in a short training period, an operator could orient the tray full of balls in less than one minute.

The potting material can be dispensed from any of the many available grease gun type dispensers available. Enough potting compound can be mixed for one day's production and stored in a cold box until used. When dispensing, the operator should trace a line about one inch from each case side for the entire length of the tray and do the same at each end except that the line should abe about one half inch from the case end. Coordination of the movement of the gun and the volumn of compound dispensed will deposit the right amount on the balls. The "right amount" being enough to cover thoroughly the balls without puddling in low spots of the case contour. A polyethelene paddle makes a very handy spreader to usher compound into starved areas. Water acts as a good lubricant on tools in contact with the compound and industrial alcohol is a good solvent.

The principle resin used is epoxy, and particular care should be exercised in cleaning the hands and tools as well as providing adequate ventilation.

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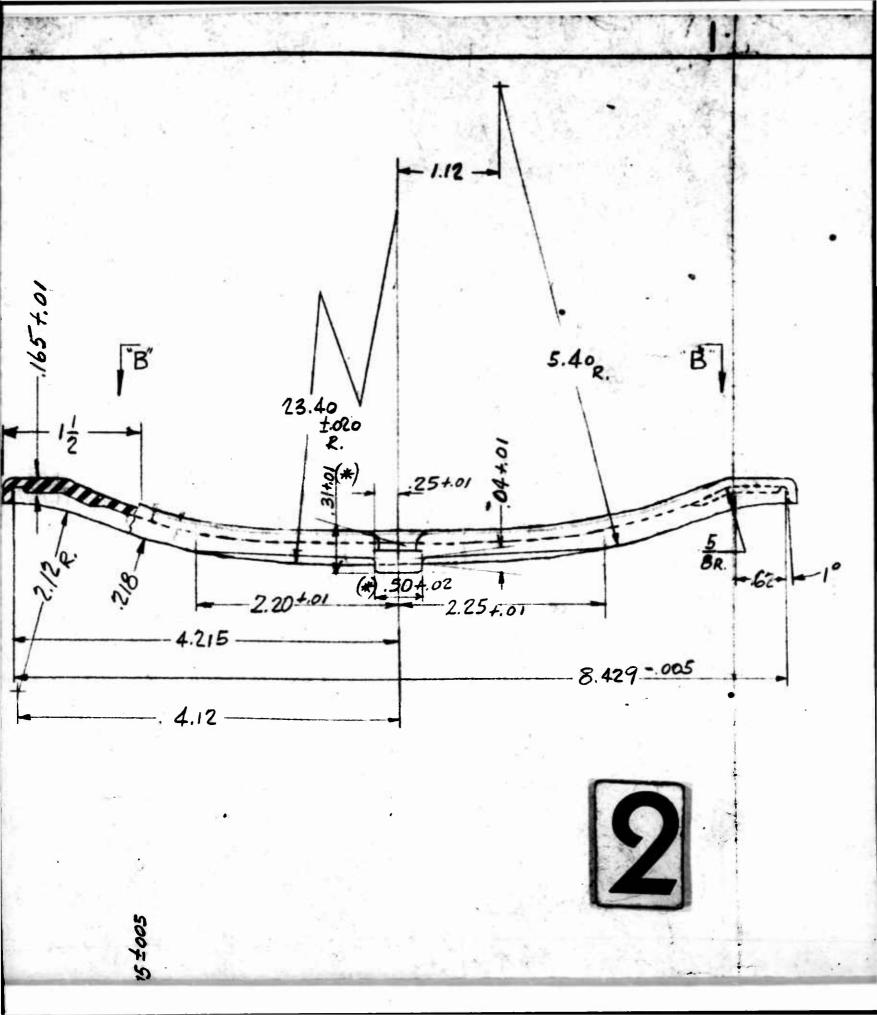
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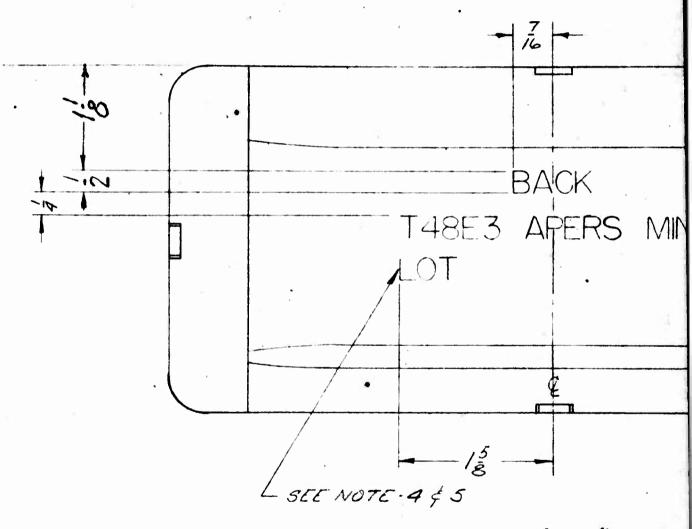
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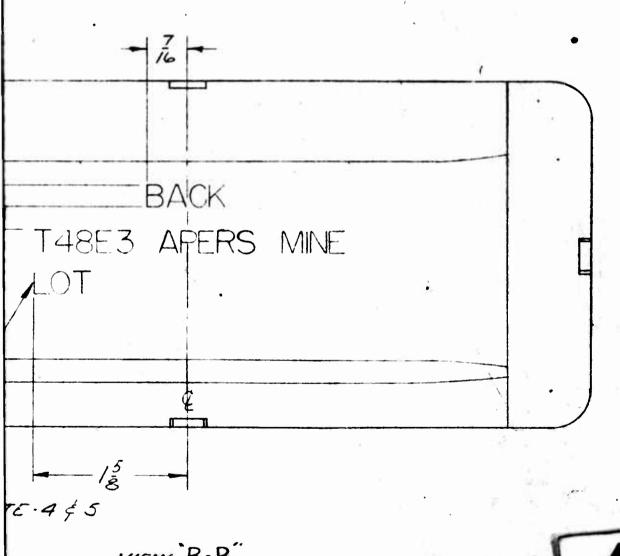
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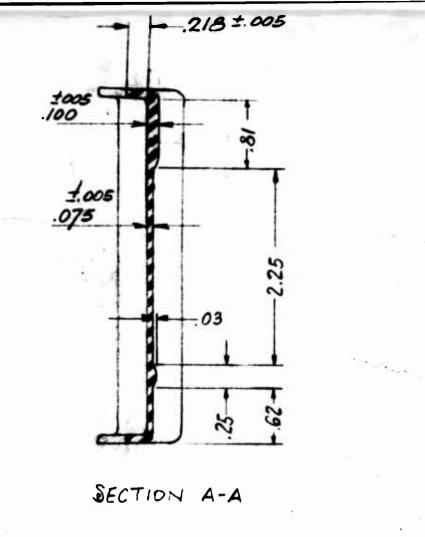


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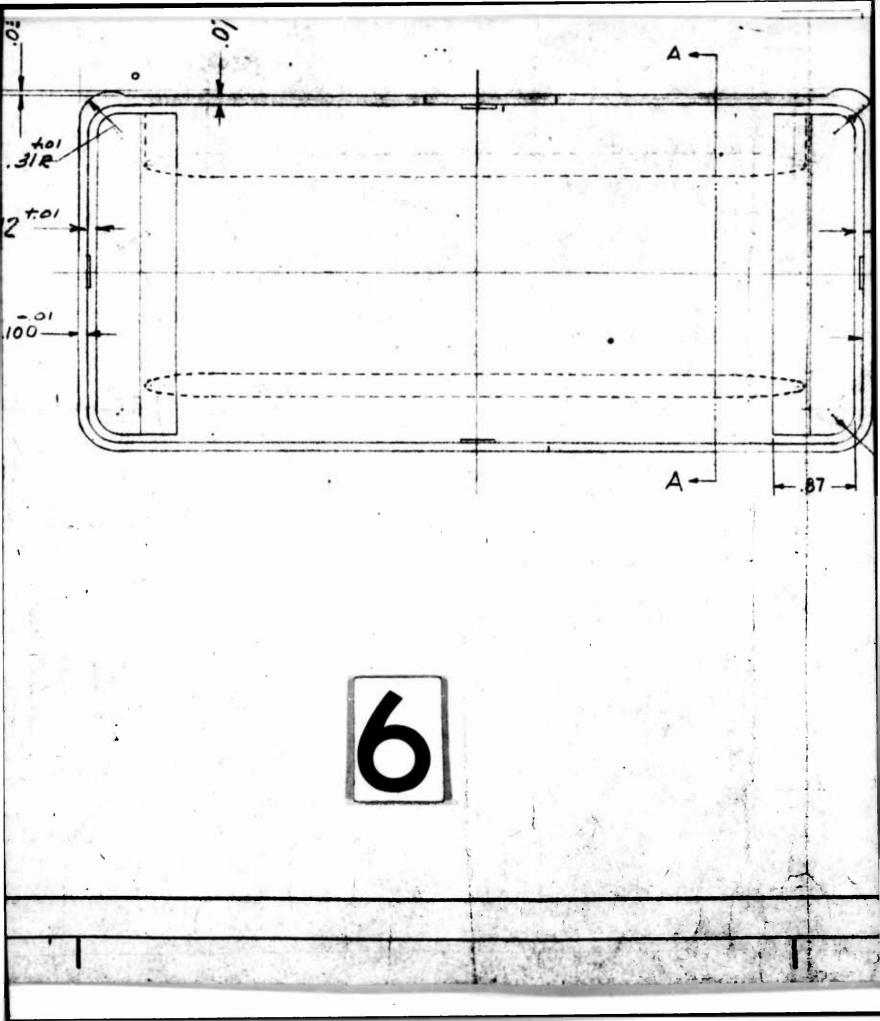
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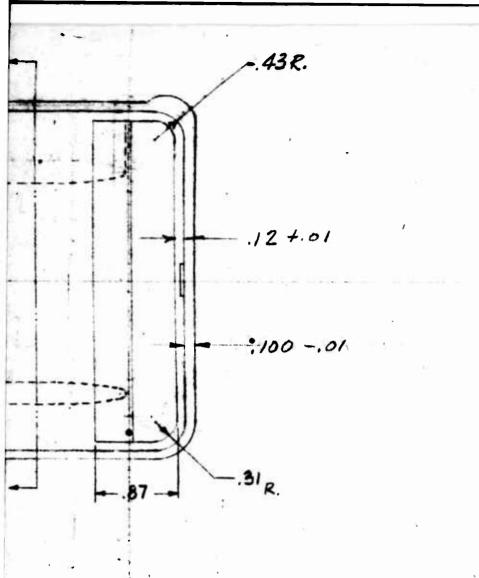


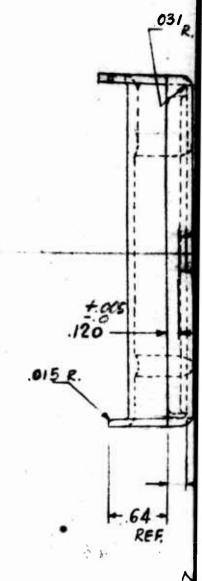
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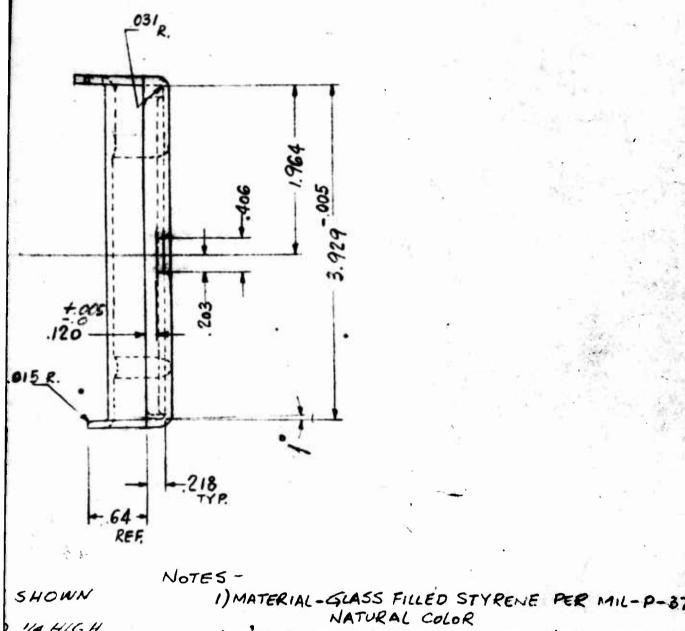


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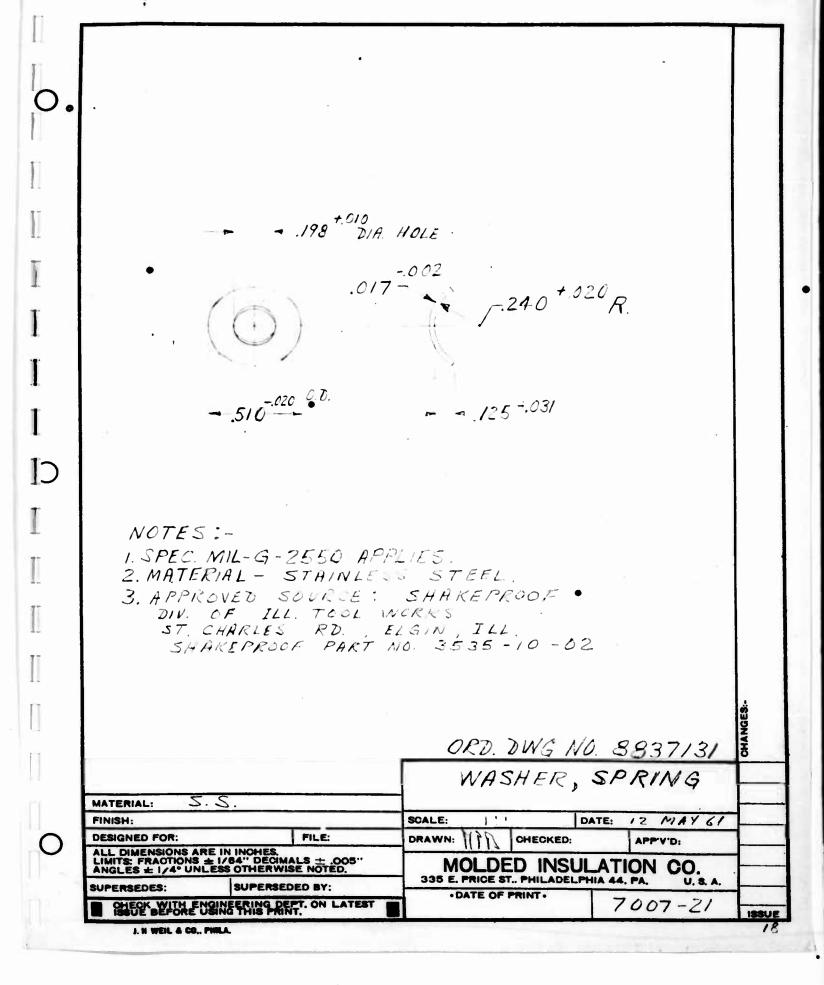
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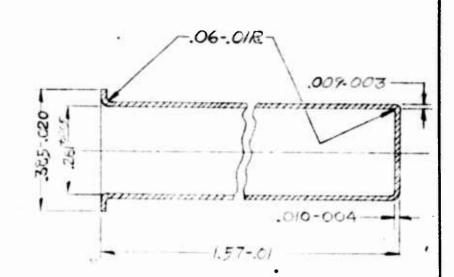
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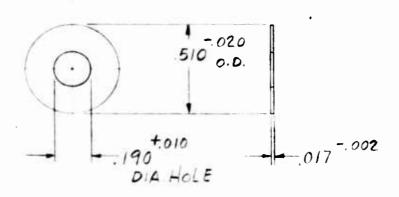
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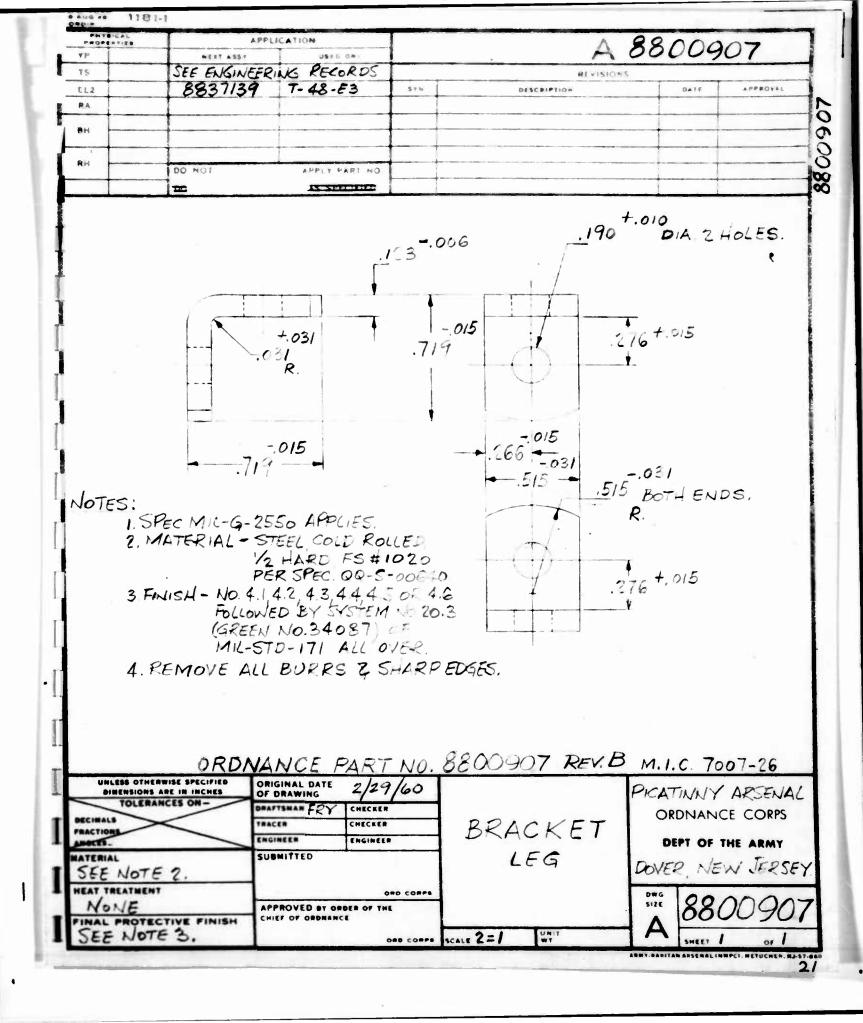
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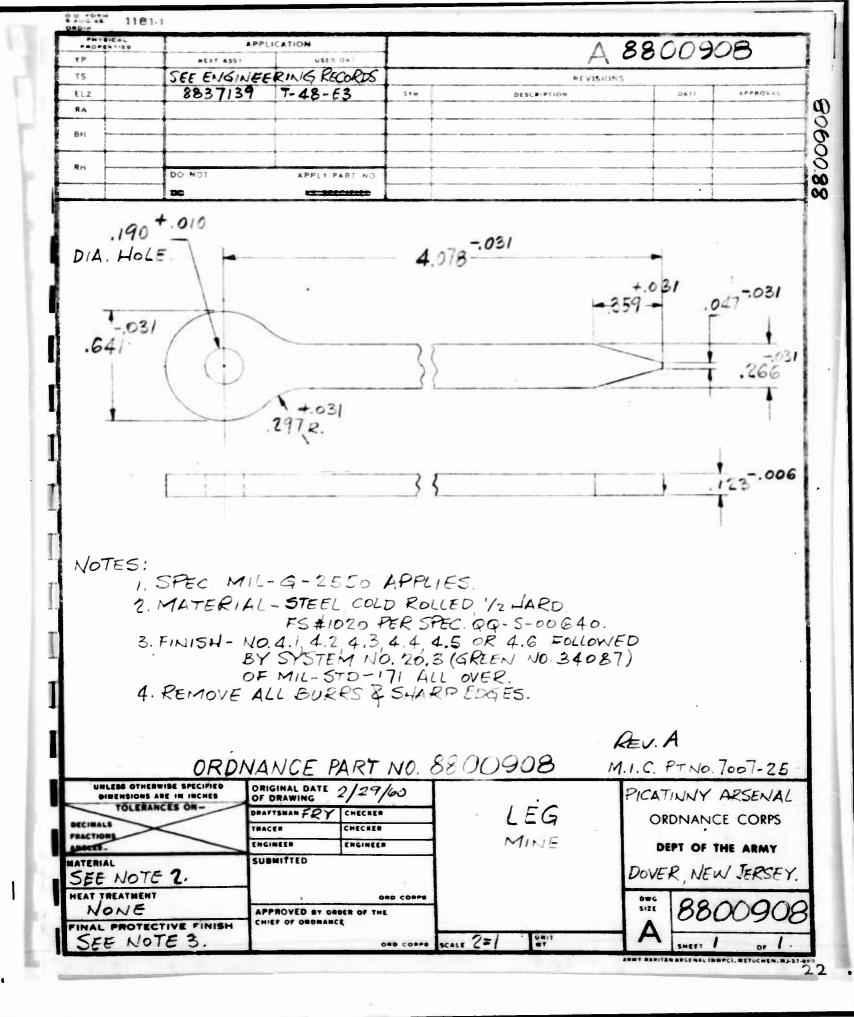
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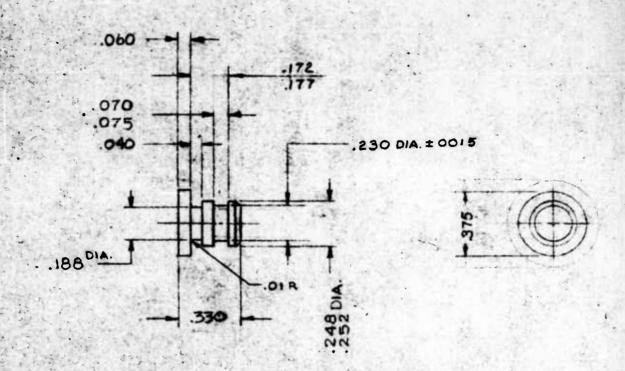
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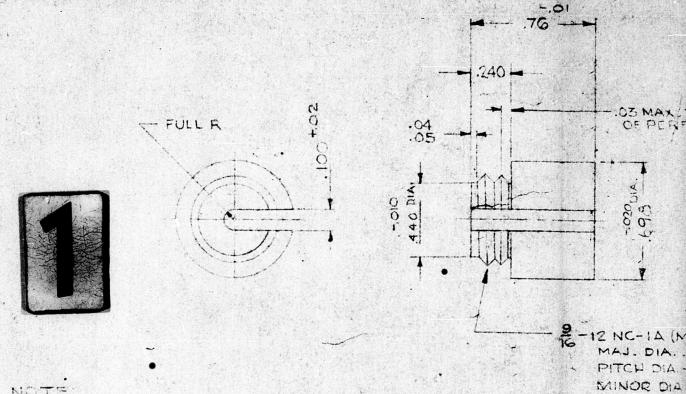
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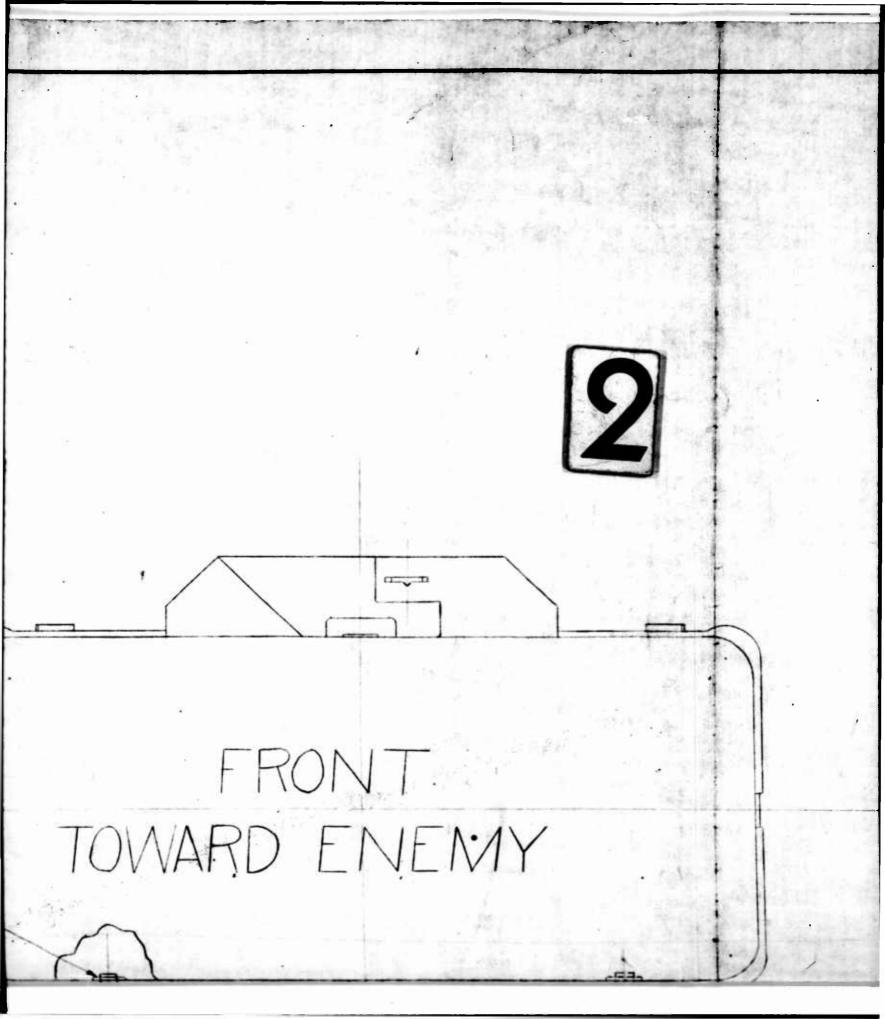
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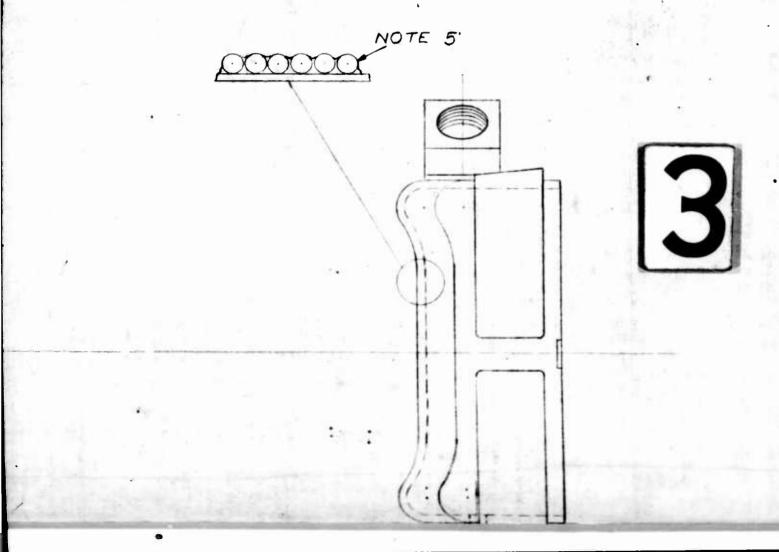
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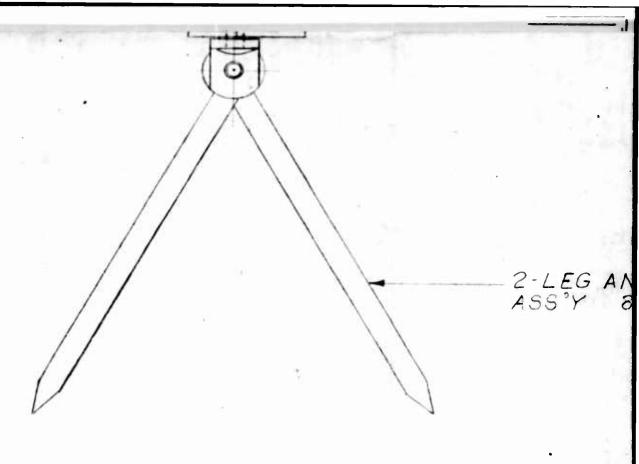
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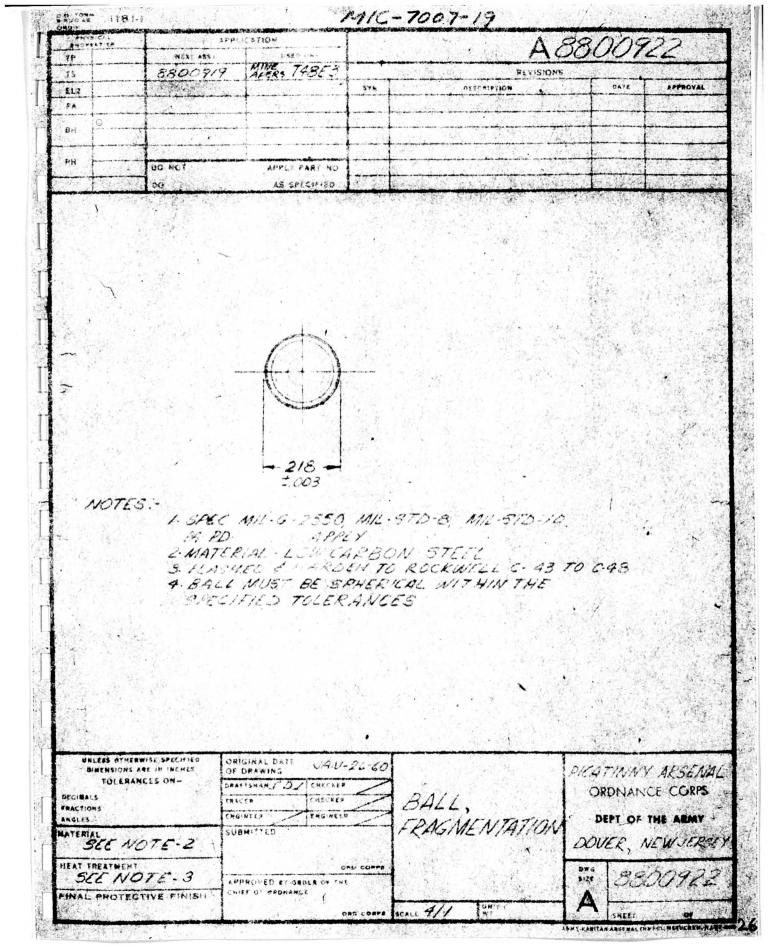


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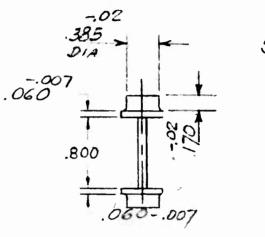
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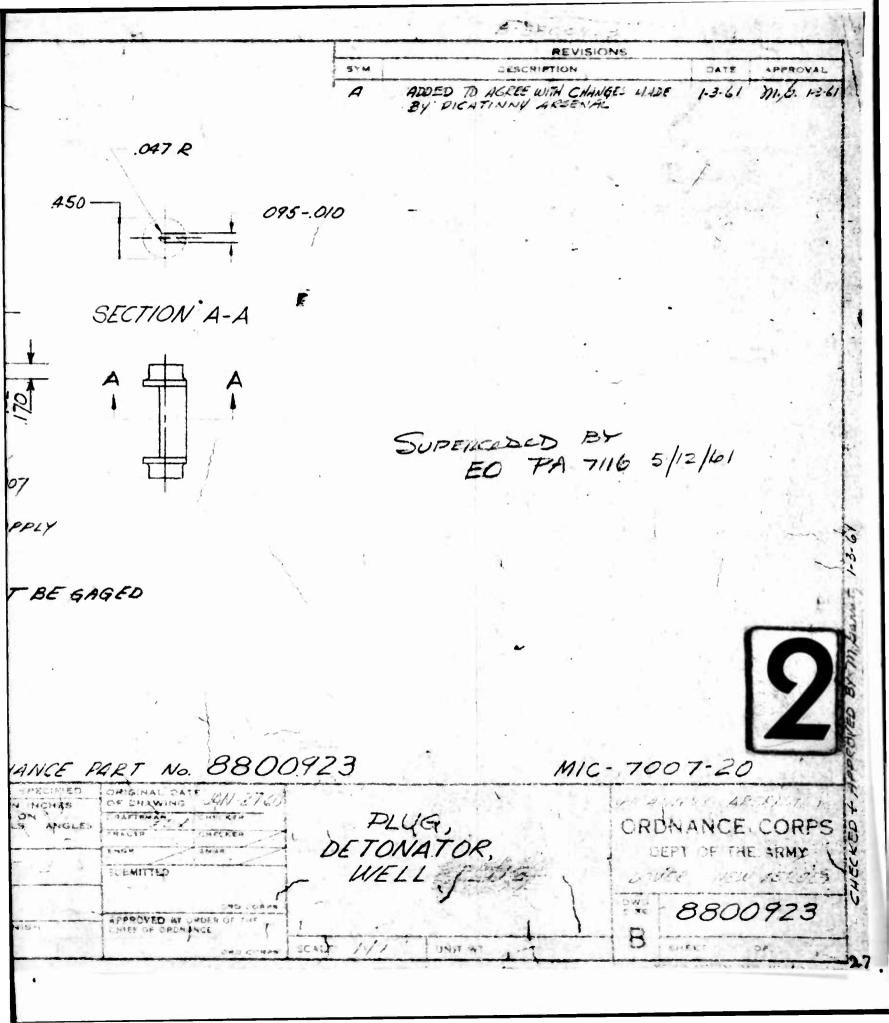
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